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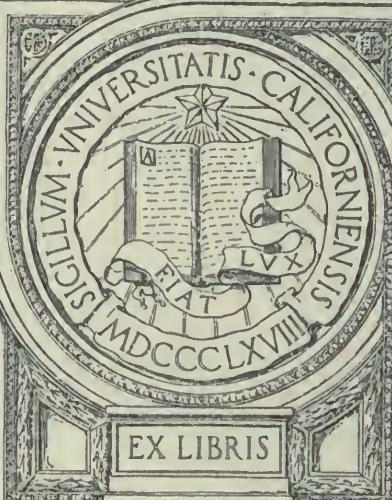
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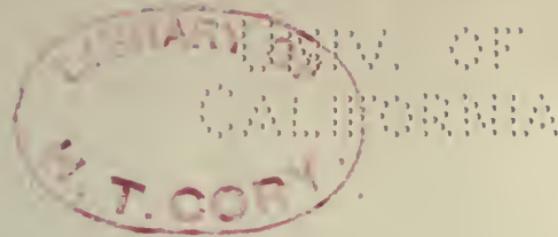
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THE COMPRESSION AND TRANSMISSION OF ILLUMINATING GAS.

The subject of illuminating gas compression is almost a new one, and the nature of the gas is so entirely different from that of air that we are obliged to consider the question mainly from the theoretical standpoint, backed up by a few indicator cards, which have been furnished us by gas compressors. But you may be assured that all of the data given herewith is eminently practical, because there has been eliminated all of the small variables that are important from a chemical standpoint, but which the advancing piston of a compressor cylinder takes little heed of.

We are not concerned about the candle power or the commercial utility of a gas, but simply with its weight and composition, and what may happen to it after it leaves the compressor cylinder is not the province of this paper.

All gases are sponge like in that they hold various vapors from water vapor to carbon vapors, which they lose to a more or less extent when the sponge is squeezed as in the act of compressing in a cylinder, and what is squeezed out and how much of it is not essential to our discussion, and lies better in the realm of the technical gas engineer.

We have assumed, however, that inasmuch as when we compress a gas the temperature rises in a fixed ratio to the pressures, that there is no direct tendency for a gas to change its physical condition in the compressing cylinder, for an added temperature gives an added capacity for saturation, and this probably increases in about the same ratio as the volume diminishes during compression. So that for commercial purposes we cannot be far wrong in assuming the physical condition of the gases as constant during the range of pressures that will be ordinarily met.

All phenomena of compression and expansion of gases is intimately associated with temperature, in fact the

THE WORK INVOLVED IN COMPRESSING A GAS

power to compress any gas in foot-pounds is simply the difference in temperature between the gas before and after compression, multiplied by its weight in pounds, by its specific heat, and then by Joules equivalent to convert heat units to foot-pounds. Expressed algebraically, this equation is:

$$L = J W C_p (T - T_0) \text{ where}$$

J is Joules equivalent = 772

W = the weight in pounds avoirdupois to be compressed.

C_p is the specific heat of the gas at constant pressure.

T_0 is the initial absolute temperature.

T is the final absolute temperature.

L is the work expressed in footpounds.

This is the general equation for the compression of any gas.

In glancing at this equation, the first stumbling block we strike is C_p the specific heat of the gas at constant pressure, and this must be first determined. After that, we must discover some means of finding T the final temperature.

To anticipate a little, it may be stated here that these temperatures are all functions of the ratio of the specific heats of gas at constant pressure, and at constant volumes.

It is then our first duty to understand about these two specific heats and to know how to determine them for any gas, and the rest is simple.

The specific heat of any substance is the amount of heat one pound of that substance will absorb to raise its temperature 1° Fah., the specific heat of water being 1.

When a gas is heated two different results may be obtained, depending upon whether the gas is allowed to expand and increase its volume when heated, the pressure remaining constant, or whether the air is confined and the volume remain constant, and the pressure increasing. The amount of heat to raise the temperature of a gas 1° under these two conditions is different, therefore, the specific heat is different. The former is called—Specific heat at constant pressure, and the latter—Specific heat at constant volume.

TABLE I.

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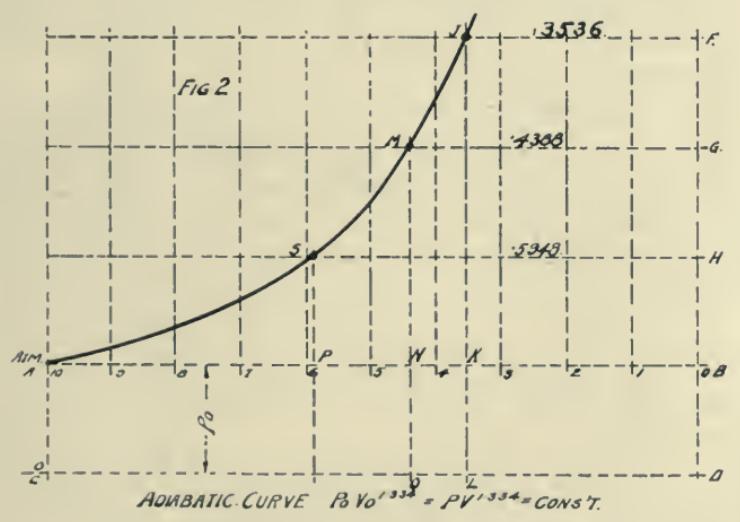
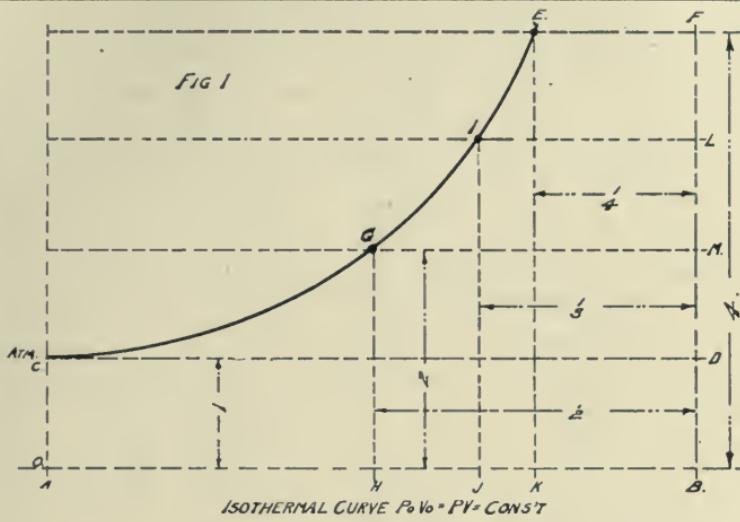


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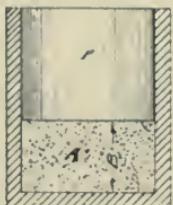
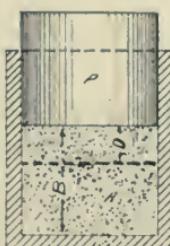


FIG 4



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Referring to Table 1, Figure 3, if we have a cylinder *A*, containing one pound of gas at atmospheric pressure, and a piston *P*, without weight, but having an area of one square foot, and heat the gas until the temperature has risen 1° Fah., the gas will have expanded by the small amount *d*, as in Figure 4, and raised the piston. This expansion is $1/460$ of the original volume, at 0° Fah.

It is evident that inasmuch as the piston has raised and displaced the atmosphere, that work has been done, which must have absorbed heat in addition to that necessary to raise the temperature of the air 1° . If the piston was fastened, as in Figure 3, the gas would have required just that less heat to raise it 1° as was required to lift the piston through the distance $d = 1/460$ of its volume. The amount of heat required in the first instance is called specific heat at constant pressure, and the latter at constant volume.

Specific heat of most of the gases at constant pressure has been determined by Regnault and others experimentally, and the symbol is C_p .

The amount of work done in lifting the piston through the distance *d* is measured the same as the work done by any piston by multiplying the pressure on the piston by the distance passed through. The area multiplied by the distance is the volume, which may be expressed by *V*. The distance *d* is $1/460$ at 0° Fah., or may be expressed by $\frac{1}{T}$

Let *P* be the pressure, and *R*, the foot-pounds of work done, then

$$\frac{VP}{T} = R \text{ and this is called the Simple Gas Equation}$$

tion, and about it hangs many important deductions.

R is a constant for any gas, because inasmuch as the gas expands uniformly for each 1° of heat, any volume as *V*, multiplied by its corresponding *P*, and divided by its corresponding temperature *T*, will equal *R*, or to put it algebraically,

$$\frac{VP}{T} = \frac{V_1 P_1}{T_1} = \frac{V'' P''}{T''} = R = \text{Constant}$$

TABLE 2
CRUDE OIL GAS MANUFACTURED AT OAKLAND CAL BY CALIFORNIA GAS AND ELECTRIC CORP

NOTE - SPEC GRAV 402 OBSERVED. SPEC GRAV 4008 CALCULATED

R being always in foot-pounds, if we divide it by Joules equivalent 772, which is, as you know, the amount of foot-pounds equal to 1 heat unit, and which is always denoted by J , we shall have the amount of heat units that were converted into work to raise the piston, and this amount of heat, we know, must be the difference between the specific heat at the constant pressure and the specific heat at constant volume, or,

$$\frac{R}{J} = C_p - C_v$$

from which we have

$$C_v = C_p - \frac{R}{J}$$

an equation from which the specific heat at constant volume may be determined for any gas within the limits of its stability, and certainly within the commercial pressures you are likely to encounter.

For a perfect gas, these specific heats are practically constant; that is, they are not affected by pressure or temperature, but so far hydrogen and air appear to be nearer than any other gases. CO and CO_2 , which are inferior components of illuminating gas, as it is now made, shows the greatest deviation, but not enough to render their vagaries of moment in the consideration of the power question, consequently all the following data has been calculated on the basis of the simple gas law.

$$\frac{P V}{T} = R = \text{Constant.}$$

As an example showing how to calculate the specific heat at constant volume, let us take $C_2 H_4$. This gas has been selected because of an evident error in the values ascribed to Regnault in the references we have at hand.

Upon applying the simple gas equation to the Regnault value there was a large discrepancy, and it will be interesting no doubt to make the calculations here, and thus make them serve the double purpose of showing how to determine the specific heat at constant volume and to point out the error.

Regnault gives the C_p of $C_2 H_4$ to be .404, and C_v to be .173. The weight per cubic foot to be .0780922, or 12.8 cubic feet in one pound at 32° Fah.

TABLE 3. CRUDE OIL GAS MANUFACTURED AT FRESNO CAL. BY CALIFORNIA GAS AND ELECTRIC COR. JUNE 1905

1.	2	3	4	5	6	7
<i>STN. BOL.</i>	<i>PERCENT OF VOLUME</i>	<i>WEIGHT PER CUBIC FOOT 32° Fahr.</i>	<i>cp</i>	<i>PERCENT OF VOLUME X WEIGHT PER CUBIT.</i>	<i>PERCENT OF VOLUME X WEIGHT PER CUBIT. X CP</i>	
<i>C₂ H₄</i>	5	.0780922	.404	.39046	.157145	$\frac{V_0 P_0}{T_0} = R = \frac{164 X .028453 X 14.7}{4.92}$
<i>CH₄</i>	29.7	.044668	.5329	.132640	.186420	
<i>H</i>	55.4	.0053594	.3409	.30968	.1053700	$H = \frac{35.446 X 14.4 X 14.7}{4.92} = 151.$
<i>CO</i>	5	.0780922	.2479	.39045	.036793	
<i>CO₂</i>	1	.1227603	.217	.12276	.026577	$CO = CP - \frac{P}{T} = .7724 - \frac{36}{772} = .7724$
<i>N</i>	3.9	.078371	.24380	.30564	.074515	$-1956 = .5768.$
<i>O</i>		.089180	.21751			
				2.84539	2.19775	$CP = \frac{.7724}{.5768} = .339 = Y$
				= .028453	.0219775 ÷	
						$Per Cubic Foot.$
						$.028453 = \frac{Y-1}{Y-1} = .253$
						$.7724 = CP = \frac{Y}{Y-1} = .335$
						$L = 836 \left(\frac{T_0}{T} - 1 \right) \text{ for } Lbs.$
						<i>EARL</i>
						<i>NOTE ÷ SPEC. GRAV. .353. OBSERVED: - SPEC. GRAV. .3524 CALCULATED</i>

If, now, one pound, or 22.30 cubic feet, be heated to 1° Fah. and allowed to expand, the simple gas equation

$$\frac{P V}{T^\circ} = R \text{ will give at } 32^\circ$$

$$\frac{22.39 \times 144 \times 12.8}{492} = R = 55.$$

Fifty-five foot-pounds of work has been performed by the gas in expanding against the atmosphere; to convert this into heat units we divide by Joules equivalent 772.

$$\frac{55}{772} = .07124 \text{ units of heat.}$$

Inasmuch as

$$C_v = C_p - \frac{R}{J} \text{ and } \frac{R}{J} = .07124$$

we have $C_v = .404 - .07124 = .3327$, instead of .173 as determined by Regnault. The ratio between the two specific heats forms the basis for all the calculations for the relations between pressure, volume and temperature in compressing gas, and that is why we must be particular about these specific heat factors.

$\frac{C_p}{C_v} = \gamma$, which we shall discuss further on, and which is brought in now simply as additional proof about the figures which we have just obtained for $C_2 H_4$.

For $C_2 H_4$, using Regnault's values, we have

$$\gamma = \frac{.404}{.173} = 2.33$$

for our values

$$\gamma = \frac{.404}{.3327} = 1.214.$$

In reading a new book by Travers on the study of gases (page 275), he gives some very interesting calculations to show the limiting values of $\frac{C_p}{C_v}$ or γ .

His conclusions are that for a monoatomic gas within the limits of the simple gas equation $\frac{P V}{T^\circ} = R$, the values of $\frac{C_p}{C_v}$ can never exceed 1.667, and the value for a diatomic gas should range about 1.4 and the polyatomic gases still less, until we reach the value of 1, where, of

TABLE 4. CRUDE OIL GAS MANUFACTURED AT HAPPY VALLEY CAL. BY CALIFORNIA GAS AND ELECTRIC COR. JUNE 1905.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
SymboL	PERCENT OF VOLUME	WEIGHT PER CUBIC FOOT 32° F.A.H.	c_p	PERCENT OF VOLUME X WEIGHT PER CUBIC FT	PERCENT OF VOLUME X WEIGHT PER CUBIC FT	
$C_2 H_4$	10.3	.0780922	.404	.80435	.324957	$\frac{Y_0 \rho_0}{P_0} = R = \frac{144 \times 23732 \times 14.7}{4.92} = 144.8$
CH_4	26	.044668	.5929	.116136	.688530	$R = \frac{26.70 \times 144 \times 14.7}{4.92} = 144.8$
H	46	.005594	.3409	.25732	.377210	
CO	6	.0780922	.2479	.46855	.116150	
CO_2	3	.1227603	.217	.36828	.079167	$C_F = \frac{\rho_0 - \rho}{P} = \frac{60/5 - 144.8}{772} = 60/5 - 144.8/772 = 45.28$
N	8.4	.078371	.24380	.65831	.160840	
O	.3	.089180	.21751	.02676	.005818	
	100.00					
						$\frac{C_F = .60/5}{C_V = 4.528} = .328 = Y$
						$\frac{Y - 1}{Y} = .247 \quad \frac{Y}{Y - 1} = 4.054$
						$L = 8570 \left(\frac{Y}{Y - 1} \right) \text{ Foot lbs}$
NOTE	SPEC GRAV. .464 CALCULATION					
						$L = 8570 \left(\frac{Y}{Y - 1} \right) \text{ Foot lbs}$

course, there should be no expansion work at all when heat was applied.

We can see, therefore, that the value $\frac{C_p}{C_v}$ of 2.33 from Regnault's values is an impossibility, the maximum possible value being only 1.667, and $C_2 H_4$ being the polyatomic gas, its value would be less than 1.4, all of which indicates that our figures $\frac{C_p}{C_v} = 1.214$ are approximately correct.

It will now be necessary to apply our understanding of these principles and try and determine the values of the specific heats for illuminating gas. There seems to be plenty of data about the specific heat at constant pressure for gas mixtures, but nothing about the specific heat at constant volume.

Reference is now made to the Tables 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8, which show the composition and heat properties of seven different gases and the methods employed in determining the weights, specific gravities and specific heats.

Column 1 is the chemical symbol for the different components.

Column 2 is the percentage by volume of the different components.

Column 3 gives reliable weights per cubic foot.

Column 4 gives the specific heat of each component gas as determined by Regnault and others.

Column 5 gives the product of the different percentages of the component gases and their weights per cubic foot, or Column 2 multiplied by Column 3. The total sum divided by 100 gives the weight of the gas per cubic foot.

Column 6 gives the product of Column 4 and Column 5 for specific heat, being a weight function. We must, in order to get the specific heat of the compound gas, take into consideration not only the percentages of the component parts, but the weights as well, and also the specific heat of each component. The sum of the products in column divided by 100, and then by the weight of one cubic foot of the compound gas, will give the specific heat at constant pressure C_p .

TABLE 5 CARBURETTED WATER GAS PURIFIED SAN FRANCISCO GAS CO NORTH BEACH Dec. 14th 1897

SYMBOL	PERCENT OF VOLUME	WEIGHT PER CUBIC FOOT 32° Fahr	G_p	PERCENT OF VOLUME X WEIGHT PER CUBIC FT	PERCENT OF VOLUME X WEIGHT PER CUBIC FT	PERCENT OF VOLUME X WEIGHT PER CUBIC FT	PERCENT OF VOLUME X WEIGHT PER CUBIC FT	PERCENT OF VOLUME X WEIGHT PER CUBIC FT	PERCENT OF VOLUME X WEIGHT PER CUBIC FT
C_2H_4	9.2	.0780922	.404	.72842	.29427	$\frac{.10 P_0}{T_0} = R = \frac{144 X .04671 X 147}{492}$			
CH_4	22.2	.044668	.5929	.9945	.58780				
H	35.1	.005594	.3409	.19610	.66850	$R = \frac{21.4 X 144 X 147}{492} = 92.02$			
CO	25.2	.0780922	.2479	.196786	.48781				
CO_2	3	.1227603	.217	.36810	.07397				
N	4.9	.078371	.24380	.38367	.09352	$C_V = G_p - \frac{R}{J} = .47 - \frac{92.02}{772} = .47 - .1192 = .3508$			
O	4	.089160	.21751	.03564	.00772				
		100.00				$\frac{G_p = .47}{C_V = .3508} = 1.34 = Y$			
						$\frac{Y-1}{Y} = .254 \div .04671 = .47 = G_p$			
						$L = 8403 \left(\frac{T}{T_0} - 1 \right) \text{ Foot Loss}$			
									$L A R X.$

Note: SPEC GRAV. .578 at 32°

COAL GAS MANUFACTURED AT HUDSON MASS. ANALYZED BY STATE INSPECTOR OF GAS
TABLE 6

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7
SYNTHOL	PERCENT OF VOLUME	WEIGHT PER CUBIC FOOT 32° Fahr	ρ_p	PERCENT OF VOLUME X WEIGHT PER CUBIC FT	PERCENT OF VOLUME X WEIGHT PER CUBIC FT	
C 2 H 4	5.31	.0750922	.404	.46151	.18644	
C 1 / 4	37.31	.044668	.5923	.69306	.00377	
H	45.52	.005534	3.403	.25463	.86793	
C O	5.60	.0750922	.2479	.43730	.0840	
C O 2	1.07	.1227603	.217	.3128	.02847	
N	3.84	.0183771	.24380	.30094	.07118	
O	.15	.089180	.21751	.0337	.00230	
	100.00			.329209	.224909	
				= .03232	.02249	
				ρ_p CUBIC FOOT	$\div .03232$	
					= .683 = ρ_p	
NOTE	SPEC. GRAV.	.408				
					$\frac{\rho_p}{Y} = .248$	$\frac{Y}{Y-1} = .4$
						$L = 8467 \left(\frac{Y}{Y-1} \right) = 5007.185$
						$E.A.R.I.X$

TABLE 7
CALIFORNIA. NATURAL GAS SUISEN CAL.

TABLE 8

AVERAGE NATURAL GAS.

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7		
SYMBOL	PERCENT OF VOLUME	WEIGHT PER CUBIC FOOT 32°F/41	ρ	PERCENT OF VOLUME X WEIGHT PER CUBIC FT.	PERCENT OF VOLUME X WEIGHT PER CUBIC FT.	ρ		
$C_2 H_4$.31	.0780922	.404	.02421	.00378	$\frac{V_0 P_0}{T_0} = R = \frac{144 X .045786}{4.92} \times 14.7$		
CH_4	.926	.044668	.5929	.413551	2.45190	$R = \frac{21.84 X 144 X 14.7}{4.92} = 93.96$		
H	.218	.005594	.3409	.01219	.04155	$C_V = \rho P - \frac{R}{T} = .57 - \frac{93.96}{772} =$		
CO	.50	.0780922	.2479	.03904	.00977	$= .57 - .122 = .448$		
CO_2	.26	.1227603	.217	.05642	.01223	$C_V = \rho P - \frac{R}{T} = .57 - \frac{93.96}{772} =$		
N	.361	.0783371	.24380	.028091	.06848	$= .57 - .122 = .448$		
O	.34	.089180	.21751	.03032	.00659	$C_V = \rho P - \frac{R}{T} = .57 - \frac{93.96}{772} = .272 = Y$		
	99.80			4.57860	2.60030	$\frac{Y-1}{Y} = .214 \quad \frac{Y}{Y-1} = 4.67$		
				$= .045786$.026003	$L = 9885 \left(\frac{T_0}{T} - 1 \right) = 5100 \text{ Foot Pounds}$		
				$PER CUBIC FOOT$	$\rho = .57 = \rho$	$E.A.R.I.U$		

NOTE - HAVE FIGURED 100% INSTEAD OF 99.80% AS ABOVE.

TABLE 2.
PROPERTIES OF ILLUMINATING GASES

Column 7 gives the calculations to find the specific heat at constant volume and also R and $\frac{C_p}{C_v}$ or γ for each gas, and also various factors of γ which we will find useful later.

Table 9 concentrates Tables 2 to 8, so that we may study them easier.

You will note that our results cover quite a field, taking in California fuel oil gas, Massachusetts coal gas, Indiana natural gas, California natural gas, and California carburetted water gas, and after carefully studying their heat and power properties, as shown in Table 9, we have selected the fuel oil gas made in Oakland as having the best average properties for the purposes we have in view, and particularly as fuel oil gas is the one you will probably have most to deal with.

We may therefore consider our subject as having for a basis a gas with the following properties at 32° Fah

Weight per cubic foot, .0323577.

Cubic foot in one pound avoirdupois, 30.98.

Specific gravity, .4008.

$C_p = .6884$.

$C_v = .5159$.

$\gamma = 1.334$.

$$\frac{\gamma-1}{\gamma} = .25.$$

$$\frac{\gamma}{\gamma-1} = 4.$$

$R = 133.2$.

$$L = 8467 \left(\frac{T}{T^{\circ}} = 1 \right)$$

A cubic foot of gas varies in weight according to the altitude or pressure, and also according to the temperatures. The law of this variation is expressed as follows:

Having given the weight of a gas for any temperature, or any pressure, then the weight at any other temperature or pressure will be as the ratio of absolute temperature or pressure, or

$$W' = W \frac{T}{T^{\circ}} \text{ or } W \frac{P}{P^{\circ}} \text{ where}$$

W = known weight.

T° and P° the known temperature or pressure and W' the desired weight.

For example—Our standard gas weights at sea level, or 14.7 pounds absolute pressure, and 32° Fah., .03235 pounds per cubic foot; at 20 pounds gauge, or 34.17 pounds absolute, a cubic foot would weigh $.03235 \times \frac{34.17}{14.7} = .03235 \times 2.36 = .076346$ pounds, and at 60° Fah., instead of 32° Fah., this cubic foot would weigh $.076346 \times \frac{520}{460} = .0819$ pounds. 460 being the absolute temperature of 0° and 520 the absolute temperature of 60° Fah. $= 460 + 60 = 520$.

Altitudes are nothing more or less than pressures less than sea level, and are treated just the same as pressures above the normal atmospheric.

Thus at 5225 feet the absolute pressure is 12.044, consequently, as gas at this altitude would weigh $\frac{12.044}{14.7}$ times the weight at sea level.

For your convenience it may be well to add here that when the barometric pressure is known, the atmospheric pressure is found by multiplying the barometric pressure by .4908, or $P^{\circ} = B \times .4908$.

For example—When the barometric is 29.92 the atmospheric pressure is $29.92 \times .4908$, or 14.7, the normal sea level pressure.

To find the atmospheric pressure when the altitude in feet is given, we have

$$P^{\circ} = 14.72 - \frac{57000 N - N^2}{100,000,000} \text{ in which}$$

N = altitude in feet.

For example—To find the atmospheric pressure a 10,000 feet we have

$$P^{\circ} = 14.72 - \frac{57,000 \times 10,000 - (10,000)^2}{100,000,000} \text{ or}$$

$P^{\circ} = 14.72 - 4.7 = 10.02$, the atmospheric pressure required.

The foregoing rules will be all that is necessary to calculate all variations of weights due to pressure, altitude

or temperature, and relative volumes follow exactly the same laws as relative weights.

For convenience in many calculations Table 10 is given herewith, showing the pressure ratios, or $\frac{P}{P_0}$ for every pound from 1 to 110, and the volumes ratios will be inversely as the pressure ratios and consequently the reciprocal of the figures on the table.

This might be called a table showing also the rates of Isothermal compression or expansion or Marriotte's law, the general formula for which is:

$P_0 V_0 = P V = \text{Constant}$, or in other words, the product of any pressure by its volume is always equal to the product of any other pressure by its volume, and this rule will be found useful in determining the contents of receivers, etc. It must always be remembered that in using these rules all temperatures must be alike, or corrections made according to the rules just given.

ISOTHERMAL COMPRESSION.

There are two methods of compressing any gas.

First—Where the temperature remains unchanged during compression. This is called Isothermal compression and is the ideal method never realized in practice.

Second—Adiabatic compression, which is the kind we meet in practice where the heat developed by compression expands the air being compressed until it follows a different law from Marriotte.

While Isothermal compression is not practical, it is necessary to know about it and how to make the calculations concerning it.

We have found that the volume ratios are inversely as the absolute pressure ratios in Isothermal compression. Consequently if the pressure ratios are 1, 2, 3 and 4, the corresponding volumes will be 1, $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{3}$, $\frac{1}{4}$. To show this graphically—refer to Table 1, Figure 1.

Let AB be the line of 0 pressure or the perfect vacuum line. CD the intake line and we erect pressures ordinates $GH = 2 \times DB$ at a point H equal to $\frac{1}{2}$, AB and $IJ = 3 \times BD$ at a point $J = \frac{1}{3} AB$ and $EK = 4 \times BD$ at a point $K = \frac{1}{4}$ of AB counting all volumes from FB or the end of the piston stroke.

If we join the points $C G I E$ in a curved line, it will be the Isothermal or logarithmic curve and it will be noted that the area

$$E F B K = 4 \times \frac{1}{4} = 1$$

$$I L B J = 3 \times \frac{1}{3} = 1$$

$$G M B H = 2 \times \frac{1}{2} = 1$$

$$C D B A = 1 \times 1 \text{ or } 1$$

As found before, $P^o V^o = P' V' = \text{Constant}$, and the figure represents the ideal indicator card for Isothermal compression for four compressions, counting from 0, and the above method will always be proper to lay out an Isothermal curve, no matter what the intake pressure may be.

To find the work of compression and delivery Isothermally

$$L = P^o V^o \text{ hyp. } \log \frac{P}{P^o} \text{ in foot pounds in which}$$

P^o = Initial pressure absolute.

V^o = Initial Volume

P = Final pressure

L = Work required.

In all of our calculations V^o will be taken as one cubic foot.

For Example—How many foot-pounds of work is required to compress 1 cubic foot of gas at sea level to eighty pounds gauge pressure.

For sea level P^o per square foot = $14.7 \times 144 = 2116.8$ pounds. Then

$$L = 2116.8 \text{ hyp. } \log. \frac{P}{P^o}$$

Consulting Table 10 we find

$$\frac{P}{P^o} \text{ for } 80 \text{ pounds gauge} = 6.442 \text{ the hyperbolic}$$

logarithm of which is 1.863.

Substituting, we have

$$L = 2116.8 \times 1.863 = 3943 \text{ foot-pounds.}$$

If a table of hyperbolic logarithms is not at hand, it would be well to remember that hyp. log. = common log. $\times 2.3026$.

PRESSURE RATIOS		JULY 1905		TABLE 10	
Gauge	$\frac{P}{P_0}$	Gauge	$\frac{P}{P_0}$	Gauge	$\frac{P}{P_0}$
1	1.068027	38	3.585026	75	6.102025
2	1.136054	39	3.653053	76	6.170052
3	1.204081	40	3.721080	77	6.238079
4	1.272108	41	3.789107	78	6.306106
5	1.340135	42	3.857134	79	6.374133
6	1.408162	43	3.925161	80	6.442160
7	1.476189	44	3.993188	81	6.510187
8	1.544216	45	4.061215	82	6.578194
9	1.612243	46	4.129242	83	6.646241
10	1.680270	47	4.197269	84	6.714268
11	1.748297	48	4.265296	85	6.782295
12	1.816324	49	4.333323	86	6.850322
13	1.884351	50	4.401350	87	6.918349
14	1.962378	51	4.469377	88	6.986376
15	2.030405	52	4.537404	89	7.054403
16	2.088432	53	4.605431	90	7.122430
17	2.156459	54	4.673458	91	7.190457
18	2.224486	55	4.741485	92	7.258484
19	2.292513	56	4.809512	93	7.326511
20	2.360540	57	4.877539	94	7.394538
21	2.428567	58	4.945566	95	7.462535
22	2.496594	59	5.013593	96	7.530592
23	2.564621	60	5.081620	97	7.599613
24	2.632648	61	5.149647	98	7.66646
25	2.700675	62	5.217674	99	7.734673
26	2.768602	63	5.285701	100	7.802700
27	2.836729	64	5.353728	101	7.870727
28	2.904756	65	5.421755	102	7.938754
29	2.972783	66	5.489782	103	8.006781
30	3.040810	67	5.557809	104	8.074980
31	3.108837	68	5.625836	105	8.142835
32	3.176864	69	5.693863	106	8.210862
33	3.244891	70	5.761890	107	8.278889
34	3.312918	71	5.829917	108	8.346916
35	3.380945	72	5.897944	109	8.414943
36	3.448972	73	5.965971	110	8.482970
37	3.516999	74	6.033998		E.A.R.I.X.

The HP. required for above work will be $\frac{3945}{33000} = .1195\text{ HP}$

To find the *M E P* of Isothermal compression,

$$M E P = P^o \text{ hyp. log. } \frac{P}{P^o}, \text{ using the quantities}$$

in the previous example we have $M E P = 14.7 \times 1.863 = 27.38$ pounds. We know that $HP. = \frac{M E P \times V}{33000}$ and for one cubic foot $V = 1 \times 144$. Consequently, using the last example,

$$HP = \frac{27.38 \times 1 \times 144}{33000} = .1195, \text{ the same re-}$$

sult as before. $\frac{1 \times 144}{33000} = .00436$. Consequently a short and convenient formula would be for Isothermal compression $HP = .00436 \times M E P$.

It will be noted that none of the physical properties of gases enter into the above equations, consequently we must conclude that it takes the same power to compress one cubic foot of any gas Isothermally to the same pressure, provided the ratios of pressures are the same.

ADIABATIC COMPRESSION.

We have before stated that Isothermal compression is ideal, and not realized in practice. All of the work expended in compressing a gas is converted into heat instantly, and this increases both the temperature and the volume of the gas during compression, so that, instead of having a relation between pressure and volume ($P_o V_o = P V = \text{Constant}$), such as we found in Isothermal compression, we now have a relation $P_o V_o^y = P V^y = \text{Constant}$, or in other words, the gamma powers of each volume, multiplied by its corresponding pressure, is Constant. This is the equation of the Adiabatic curve. y is the same that we found to be the ratio between the specific heat at constant pressure and that at constant volume. This relation can perhaps be fastened a little easier in the mind by remembering that the equation of the Isothermal curve represents the law of Mariotte and the equation of the adiabatic curve represents the Exponential law of Marriotte.

Inasmuch as the power to compress a gas is measured practically by the indicator diagram, and this in turn is compared to the adiabatic curve which is theoretical curve of compression, and inasmuch as we depend upon the value of y to construct this curve, it will be at once seen why we were so particular to discover the relation $\frac{C^p}{C^v} = y$. Now if $P_0 V_0^y = P V^y$ and from the single gas

equation $\frac{V_0 P_0}{T_0} = \frac{V P}{T} = R$, by combining these we have all the adiabatic relations between volume pressure and temperature as follows:

$$\frac{P}{P_0} = \left(\frac{V_0}{V}\right)^y = \left(\frac{T}{T_0}\right)^{\frac{y}{y-1}}$$

$$\frac{V}{V_0} = \left(\frac{P_0}{P}\right)^{\frac{1}{y}} = \left(\frac{T_0}{T}\right)^{\frac{1}{y-1}}$$

$$\frac{T}{T_0} = \left(\frac{V_0}{V}\right)^{\frac{y-1}{y}} = \left(\frac{P}{P_0}\right)^{\frac{y-1}{y}}$$

It will always be necessary to use the above formulæ in making calculations for pressures, temperatures and volumes, or for power to compress any gas which varies far enough from the standard we have selected to make it necessary, but there is no doubt that for all practical purposes, at least for the present, Table 11, which is calculated for our standard gas, will give the proper values for rapidly and easily calculating any problems connected with compressing illuminating gas.

All reference to expansion is purposely omitted, because gas will probably never be used for expansion work in an engine as air is used.

Assuming that all may not be familiar with just how to arrive at the results as indicated in Table 11, let us

take a ratio of $\frac{P}{P_0} = 2$ corresponding to 14.7 pounds gauge pressure and discover what are the values of $\frac{V}{V_0}$ and $\frac{T}{T_0}$

we have $\frac{V}{V_0} = \left(\frac{P_0}{P}\right)^{\frac{1}{y}}$ y we have already decided from our standard gas to be 1.334.

Therefore, $\frac{I}{y} = \frac{I}{1.334} = .749$ $\frac{V}{V^o} = \left(\frac{P^o}{P}\right)^{.749}$ or
since

$$\frac{P^o}{P} = \frac{I}{2} \text{ or } .5 \text{ we have}$$

$$\frac{V}{V^o} = .5^{.749} \text{ or}$$

$$\text{Log } \frac{V}{V^o} = \log .5 \times .749$$

$\text{Log } .5 = 1.6989 \times .749 = 1.277447 = \log \frac{V}{V^o}$ giving value of $\frac{V}{V^o} = .5949$ and $\frac{V^o}{V}$ will be reciprocal of $\frac{V}{V^o}$ or 1.681 .

To find the ratio of temperature for this same rate of compression, we have $\frac{T}{T^o} = \left(\frac{P}{P^o}\right)^{\frac{y-1}{y}} = \frac{y-1}{y} = .25$.

Hence:

$$\text{Log } \frac{T}{T^o} = .25 \log \frac{P}{P^o}$$

$$\text{Log. } \frac{P}{P^o} = .301 \times .25 = .07525 = \text{Log. } \frac{T}{T^o}$$

$$\frac{T}{T^o} = 1.1892$$

$$T = 520 \times 1.1892 = 618^\circ \text{ absolute or } 158^\circ \text{ Fah.}$$

If $T^o = 60^\circ \text{ Fah.}$ We have then

$$\frac{P}{P^o} = 2 \quad \frac{V^o}{V} = 1.681 \quad \frac{V}{V^o} = .5949$$

$$\frac{T}{T^o} = 1.1892 \quad T = 158^\circ$$

Air under the same conditions gives

$$\frac{P}{P^o} = 2 \quad \frac{V^o}{V} = 1.6349 \quad \frac{V}{V^o} = .6117$$

$$\frac{T}{T^o} = 1.2226 \quad T = 175^\circ \text{ Fah}$$

These examples will serve to show how this Table 11 was calculated. A few examples will show its use.

Problem—To find the final temperature due to adiabatic compression.

Opposite $\frac{P}{P^o}$ and under the headline $\frac{T}{T^o}$ will be found the ratio of absolute temperatures.

Example—What is the final temperature due to 14.7 pounds gauge pressure at sea level and 60° Fah.

$$\frac{P}{P^o} = \frac{29.4}{14.7} = 2. \text{ Then } \frac{T}{T^o} = 1.1892, \text{ or } .520 \times 1.1892 = 618^{\circ} \text{ abs. or } 158^{\circ} \text{ Fah.}$$

If the initial temperature has been 100° then $560 \times 1.1892 = 666^{\circ}$ Fah.

It is readily noted from this that the higher the initial temperature, the higher the final temperature, and it will also be noted that while there is a difference of 40° between the initial temperature, there is a difference to 48° between the final temperatures; a difference of 8° .

Inasmuch as the temperature developed during compression is at the expense of power, it is evident that it takes more power to compress the same weight of gas at 100° Fah. than at 60° Fah. to the same pressure, all other conditions being similar.

It is an axiom, therefore, that the cost of power for compressing gas will be the least when the initial temperature is the lowest, and it will be shown later on that cooling before compression will effect a considerable saving, if the gas to be compressed is drawn from the holder exposed to the sun, provided, of course, that cooling water may be had at a small expenditure of power.

Problem—To find the volume immediately after compression.

Consult Table 11, and under the heading $\frac{V}{V^o}$ and opposite the pressure ratio $\frac{P}{P^o}$ the proper value will be found; and it must always be remembered that these values of temperature and volumes assume no radiation of heat whatever, for when the heat generated by compression has radiated the temperatures and volumes are as calculated Isothermally.

Please note that $\frac{V}{V^o}$ is measured from the end of the

TABLE II. ADIABATIC TABLE FOR GAS				JULY 1905	
$\frac{\rho}{\rho_0}$	$\frac{T}{T_0}$		$\frac{T}{T_0} - 1$	$\frac{V}{V_0}$	
	NUMBER	DIFF.		NUMBER	DIFF.
1.2	1.0466	.412	.0466	.8063	.300
1.4	1.0878	.369	.0878	.7763	.733
1.6	1.1247	.336	.1247	.7030	.594
1.8	1.1583	.309	.1583	.6436	.488
2.	1.1892	.287	.1892	.5948	.410
2.2	1.2179	.268	.2179	.5538	.352
2.4	1.2447	.251	.2447	.5186	.301
2.6	1.2698	.268	.2698	.4885	.264
2.8	1.2966	.195	.2966	.4621	.233
3.	1.3161	.214	.3161	.4388	.207
3.2	1.3375	.204	.3375	.4181	.186
3.4	1.3579	.195	.3579	.3995	.169
3.6	1.3774	.186	.3774	.3827	.152
3.8	1.3962	.180	.3962	.3675	.139
4.	1.4142	.173	.4142	.3536	.126
4.2	1.4315	.168	.4315	.3410	.117
4.4	1.4483	.162	.4483	.3293	.108
4.6	1.4645	.157	.4645	.3185	.99
4.8	1.4802	.152	.4802	.3086	.94
5.	1.4954	.697	.4954	.2992	.83
6	1.5651	.615	.5651	.2609	.204
7	1.6266	.552	.6266	.2325	.222
8	1.6818	.503	.6818	.2103	.177
9	1.7321	.462	.7321	.1926	.147
10	1.7783		.7783	.1779	E. 711

stroke. The difference given in Table 11 will enable greater or lesser values of $\frac{P}{P_0}$ to be conveniently determined by simple rules of proportion.

From this Table the adiabatic curve can be readily drawn.

Refer to Table 1, Figure 2.

Let AB be the intake line and CD the line of pressure, these lines representing the piston stroke. Divide AB into a decimal scale, beginning at B erect FD at the end of the stroke and divide it into equal values of BD and BD may be the value at sea level or at an altitude or it may be any intake pressure whatever, these rules will always apply. These values of BD may be subdivided into five parts, where special accuracy is required, and their values will also be found in Table 11.

DH representing a ratio of $\frac{P}{P_0} = 2$, the corresponding value of $\frac{V}{V_0}$ will be found in Table 11 to be .5948, and laying off the value the point S will be found.

Similarly at G representing $\frac{P}{P_0} = 3$ we find $\frac{V}{V_0} = .4388$, and laying this off we find that the point M . And then F representing $\frac{P}{P_0} = 4$ has a value for $\frac{V}{V_0}$ of .3536, and we lay off this value and find point J . Joining the point J MSA we develop the adiabatic curve, and the shape of this curve will depend upon the length of the card, the value of $\frac{C_p}{C_v}$ or γ . The equation of the curve is $P \cdot V^\gamma = P' \cdot V'^\gamma$ or referring to the diagram.

$$MO \times (MG)^\gamma = JL \times (JF)^\gamma$$

Problem—To determine the power to compress a gas adiabatically.

All that precedes this subject has been necessary to its proper understanding, and while possible the various symbols are well remembered, it will probably be better to group them together, so that they may be readily referred to.

P^o is always the lesser absolute pressure, and consequently the intake pressure in compression. We shall take this as 14.7 at sea level, for the 4-inch water pressure of the gas will not fill the cylinder at any greater than atmospheric pressure. P is the final absolute pressure.

T^o is the initial absolute pressure, and unless otherwise specified is taken at 60° Fah., or 520° absolute. That temperature being the probable temperature of the gas mains.

T is the final absolute temperature.

V^o is the volume at P^o .

V is the volume at P .

P' V' T' are intermediate pressures, temperatures and volumes.

L is the work expressed in foot-pounds.

$H P$ is horsepower.

$M E P$ is mean effective pressure, which is always gauge pressure.

W is the weight of a unit volume or one cubic foot of our standard gas at 60° Fah. and at sea level, with an absolute pressure of 14.7 lbs. per square inch, or 2116.8 pounds per square foot, and equals .03063 pounds avoirdupois.

J is Joules' equivalent taken at 772 foot-pounds.

C^p is the specific heat at constant pressure = .6884.

C^v is the specific heat at constant volume = .5159.

$$y \text{ is } \frac{C^p}{C^v} = 1.334.$$

$$\frac{y}{y-1} = 4. \quad \frac{y-1}{y} = .25 \quad \frac{1}{y} = .75$$

$$J C^p = 772 \times .6884 = 531.45 \text{ foot-pounds.}$$

These two values are Joules' equivalent for 1 lb. of gas.

$$J W C^p = 531.45 \times .03063 = 16.28 \text{ foot-pounds} = \text{Joules' equivalent for 1 cubic foot of gas.}$$

$$J W C^p T^o = 16.28 \times 520 = 8465 \text{ foot-pounds.}$$

$$\frac{y}{y-1} \times P^o V^o = 4 \times 144 \times 1 \times 14.7 = 8465. =$$

the intrinsic energy of 1 cubic foot of gas at 60° Fah., or

to reduce those values of foot-pounds to horsepower, we have

$$J W C^p T^o = \frac{8465}{33000} = .2564 HP$$

$$\frac{y}{y-1} P^o V^o = \frac{8465}{33000} = .2564 HP$$

All of these foregoing quantities are constants to be used in determining the power to compress gas, and as we have said before, are all based on a quantity of 1 cubic foot of our standard gas at sea level and 60° Fah.

We mentioned at the beginning of this paper that the power to compress any gas might be expressed by the general formula

$$L = J W C^p (T - T^o), \text{ or to put it in another form,}$$

$$L = J W C^p T^o \left(\frac{T}{T^o} - 1 \right)$$

You now at once recognize the prefix $J W C^p T^o$ as the one for which we have found a value of 8465 foot-pounds. Therefore, for our standard gas we have

$$L = 8465 \left(\frac{T}{T^o} - 1 \right) \text{ which is a practical formula.}$$

You also recognize that $\frac{T}{T^o}$ is all you need solve, and these values are all given in Table 11 for the various values of $\frac{P}{P^o}$. We can now understand our first problem.

How many foot-pounds are necessary to compress 1 cu. ft. of our standard gas to 14.7 pounds gauge pressure?

$$\frac{P}{P^o} = \frac{294}{14.7} = 2. \quad \text{Consulting Table 11 we find}$$

$\frac{T}{T^o} - 1 = .1892$ and $8465 \times .1892 = 1601.57$ foot-pounds, and the same method may be applied for all pressures.

If we use the value of $J W C^p T^o$ in horsepower, we have $HP = .2564 \left(\frac{T}{T^o} - 1 \right)$ a perfectly practical formula for 1 cu. ft. of our standard gas at 60° Fah. and at sea level.

Our previous example would then be rendered:

$L = .2564 \times .1892 = .0485$ hp. for 1 cu. ft. compressed to 14.7 lbs gauge. At 80 lbs. gauge pressure.

$$\frac{P}{P^o} = 6.442 \text{ and } \frac{T}{T^o} = 1.593$$

$HP = .2564 \times .593 = .1520$ hp. per cu. ft., or 15.20 HP per 100.

MEAN EFFECTIVE PRESSURES.

It will be found that inasmuch as we learn from an indicator what our gas compressor is doing, and inasmuch as *MEP* pressures are quickly determined by a planimeter from an indicator card, that to become familiar with what the *MEP* should be and compare it with what the compressor is doing is the best practical way of dealing with the subject.

We found that

$$L = J W C^p T^o \left(\frac{T}{T^o} - 1 \right) \text{ and that}$$

$$J W C^p T^o = \frac{y}{y-1} P^o V^o, \text{ therefore}$$

$$L = \frac{y}{y-1} P^o V^o \left(\frac{T}{T^o} - 1 \right)$$

L must always equal $MEP \times V^o$, we have

$$MEP \times V^o = \frac{y}{y-1} P^o V^o \left(\frac{T}{T^o} - 1 \right) \text{ or}$$

$$MEP = \frac{y}{y-1} P^o \left(\frac{T}{T^o} - 1 \right) \text{ and since}$$

$$\frac{y}{y-1} = 4, \text{ we have for our standard gas}$$

$$MEP = 4 P^o \left(\frac{T}{T^o} - 1 \right)$$

Take 80 lbs. gauge pressure.

$$\frac{T}{T^o} - 1 = .593 \text{ as determined in a former example}$$

by Table 11.

$$P^o = 14.7$$

$MEP = 4 \times .593 \times 14.7 = 34.86$ lbs. per sq. in.
For our standard gas for one cu. ft.

$$MEP = 4 \times 14.7 \left(\frac{T}{T^o} - 1 \right) = 58.8 \left(\frac{T}{T^o} - 1 \right)$$

$$HP = \frac{144 \times 1 \times MEP}{33000} = .00436 \times MEP, \text{ or}$$

$$HP = .00436 \times 58.8 \left(\frac{T}{T^o} - 1 \right) = .2564 \left(\frac{T}{T^o} - 1 \right)$$

the same result we obtained in a former example.

INITIAL TEMPERATURES.

The general expression for the work of compression being

$$L = \frac{y}{y-1} P^o V^o \left(\frac{T}{T^o} - 1 \right)$$

it is evident that so long as $\frac{T}{T^o}$ remains constant, the

power to compress one cubic foot of the same gas is constant, but inasmuch as the temperature of the mains is practically constant and about 60° Fah., if our initial temperature from the holder should happen for any reason to be 100° Fah., as it was entering the compressor, it is evident that the compressor must make an extra number of revolutions to deliver a fixed quantity into the mains at 60° Fah. than it would if the mains were the same temperature as the gas in the holder, and the ratio would be as the absolute temperature or $\frac{560}{520}$, or 8

per cent. additional. In a plant where 250 horsepower is used in compressing the gas, this would mean a saving of 20 horsepower. By passing the gas through a cooler before it reached the compressor would correct the loss. Inasmuch as little water is required for this, and the water is in no wise impaired for other purposes, that this cooling could always be done. *Vice versa*, if the temperature of the holder was lower than the mains, as in winter, there would be a corresponding gain and some of the otherwise lost heat of compression would be utilized in expanding the gas to a temperature corresponding to the main. In the long run, the gain might balance the loss, if no cooling were done, but it seems a business proposition to save where possible, especially where it costs little or nothing.

TWO STAGE COMPRESSION.

If we consider the general equation for the work performed in compressing any gas,

$$L = J W C^p (T - T^o)$$

we note that the only variable is T , the final temperature, if our initial temperature remains the same. In other words, the difference between the initial and fin

temperature determines always the power expended in a compressor, just as it does the power given out by any heat engine. It is evident, then, that the lower we keep the final temperature the less power it takes. Water jacketing the cylinders accomplishes but little, probably from 3 to 5 per cent., for the reason that gases being such poor heat conductors that, while they are rapidly drawn in and pushed out of the compressing cylinder, there is not the time for the heat to radiate through the cylinder walls, and only the portion immediately in contact with the cool cylinder walls suffers any reduction of temperature. The water jacket keeps the cylinder walls cool so that lubrication is effective and is valuable for that reason principally.

Practically speaking, the compression is adiabatic, or even greater because the pressure in the cylinder is always greater than the receiver on account of the work expended in forcing the work through the valve openings, and this extra heat generated overruns the adiabatic temperature corresponding to the receiver pressure.

The water jacket being ineffective, the device of stage compression was inaugurated, where, after the gas was compressed to a portion of the final pressure in a cylinder, it was discharged into an intercooler, its temperature reduced to the initial and then compressed by a smaller cylinder to the final pressure. The work was found to be a minimum when the final temperature of each stage was the same.

If we represent the initial pressure by P^o and the final by P' , and volumes and temperatures similarly, we shall have, using our general formula for work expended,

$$L = \frac{\gamma}{\gamma-1} P^o V^o \left(\frac{T}{T^o} - 1 \right) \text{ for first stage and}$$

$$L' = \frac{\gamma}{\gamma-1} P V \left(\frac{T'}{T} - 1 \right) \text{ for second stage.}$$

We know that before compression $P^o V^o$ must equal $P V$, consequently if L is desired to equal L' , we must have

$$\left(\frac{T}{T^o} - 1 \right) = \left(\frac{T'}{T} - 1 \right) \text{ or}$$

$$\frac{T}{T^o} = \frac{T'}{T}$$

$$\frac{T}{T^0} = \left(\frac{P}{P^0} \right)^{\frac{y-1}{y}}$$

$$\frac{T'}{T} = \left(\frac{P'}{P} \right)^{\frac{y-1}{y}}, \text{ or reducing}$$

$$\frac{T}{P^0} = \frac{P'}{P} \text{ or } P^2 = P^0 P' \text{ or } P = \sqrt{P^0 P'}$$

In other words, to make the work in two stages equal, and to have the work a minimum, P , the intermediate pressure, must be a mean proportional between the initial and the final pressure, the volumes and the piston areas must follow the same law, since we naturally make the strokes alike.

For an example, let us take 80 lbs. final gauge pressure:

$P = \sqrt{P^0 P'}$ or $\sqrt{14.7 \times 94.7} = 37.31$ absolute 22.61 gauge pressure. This makes

$$\frac{P^0}{P} = \frac{37.31}{14.7} = 2.54, \text{ and}$$

$$\frac{P'}{P} = \frac{94.7}{37.31} = 2.54$$

and inasmuch as these pressure ratios are the same, the work expended on each stage will be the same and the piston ratio will be 2.54 also.

We found for the standard gas that

$$HP = .2564 \left(\frac{T}{T^0} - 1 \right)$$

Referring to Table 11, we find when

$$\frac{P}{P^0} = 2.54, \text{ that } \frac{T}{T^0} = 1.2624$$

Then $HP = .2564 \times .2624 = .06727$ for each stage and for both stages, $2 \times .06727 = .13454 HP$.

It will be remembered that we calculated the single stage HP for 80 lbs. in a former example as .1520. We have then 13.45 HP per 100 cu. ft. against 15.10 HP , a saving of 13 per cent. in power.

If the maintaining of a low temperature is any advantage in gas compression, we have a temperature of 366° Fah. in the single stage compression against 195° Fah. in the two stage, a remarkable difference. Suppose now that we have a cylinder having an area of 100 sq. inches, when we compress to 80 lbs. single stage the maximum strain is 8000 lbs., if the compressor is single stage

and 4522 lbs. if the compressor is a tandem compound, a remarkable difference, tending to show that we can build the compressor very much lighter for the same work.

Another point in favor of the two-stage compressor, it has a greater volumetric efficiency. A piston never delivers from a cylinder an amount of gas equal to its displacement, because clearance spaces are filled with gas at the discharge pressure, which expands in the return stroke of the piston and occupies more or less space according to the ratio of compression and the amount of clearance. The greater the temperature of compression, the hotter the piston and heads and valves get, and the less weight of gas enters the cylinder on account of its expansion. There are other losses which need not be mentioned here, but these two are sufficient to make the volumetric efficiency of single stage compressors at 80 lbs. average about 75 per cent.

It will be readily seen that the initial cylinder of a two stage machine at 80 lbs. will have its clearance losses divided by 2.54, because that will be the relative ratio of pressures and the temperature losses in proportion to $\frac{195}{366}$ because that is the temperature ratio.

These combined will make the average two stage compressor good for 90 per cent. volumetric efficiency—in other words, 15 per cent. better than a single stage. One can, therefore, afford to pay at least 15 per cent. more for a two stage machine than for a single stage machine, the intake cylinders being the same size, and this extra 15 per cent. will nearly, or sometimes quite, pay for the difference in price.

It is evident from the calculations we have made that the efficiency of a two stage machine over the single stage increases directly as the pressure ratios increase, and inasmuch as altitude increases pressure ratios, it is evident that the higher the altitude the more urgent becomes the necessity for using the two stage machines, and at altitudes above 3000 feet it is practically imperative.

Theoretically, an infinite number of stages would give isothermal compression, but practically the losses in-

volved in driving the gas through too many cylinders and valves would offset this gain, and we can consider that two stages will probably be the limit for all ordinary purposes.

ALTITUDE COMPRESSION.

We found that it took the same power to compress one cubic foot of gas at any temperature to the same final pressure, provided the initial pressures were the same, and it naturally followed that it took more power to compress the same weight at higher temperatures, because there would be a larger volume and the piston would have to make more strokes.

Altitude acts like an increase of temperature in lessening the density of a gas, but it introduces another element, viz., change of initial pressure, so that as we reach higher altitudes the pressure ratio is constantly increasing, which means, of course, that the temperatures of compression is increasing and more work per unit of gas weight is being done, but the weight is constantly decreasing as we ascend, and the combination of these results is that while it takes less work to discharge any given cylinder full of gas at an altitude, the increased number of strokes necessary to compress a weight equivalent to a given sea level volume is considerably greater.

Table 17.

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Altitude.	$\frac{P}{P^o}$	$\frac{Y}{Y-1}$	P^o	V^o	$\frac{T}{T^o-1}$	Foot-pounds to compress one cubic foot...	Equivalent to produce same compressed gas at altitude	Initial pressure	Gauge pressure...
Sea level	6.44	4	14.7	1×144	.593	5020	5020	14.7	80
10,000 ft.	9.47	4	10.	1×144	.753	4337	6375	10.	80

$T = 390^{\circ}$ Fah. at sea level.

$T = 450^{\circ}$ Fah. at 10,000 feet altitude.

Table 17, shows a comparison between compressing gas at sea level and at 10,000 feet altitude. The columns 3 to 6, inclusive, comprise the components of the general formula for compressing gas, and it is interesting to note the variable quantities. It will be seen

TABLE 12. LOSS OF PRESSURE CAUSED BY FRICTION OF COMPRESSED GAS IN PIPES

EQUIVALENT VOLUME IN CUB. FT. OF FREE AIR PER LB. PASSING THROUGH PIPE.	SIZE OF PIPE											E.A. Rix							
	1	1/4	1/2	2	2 1/2	3	3 1/2	4	5	6	7		8	9	10	12	14	16	18
50	30	20 1/2	12	7 1/2	5 1/2	4 1/2	3 1/2	3	2 1/2	2	1 1/2								
75	20	15 1/2	9 1/2	6 1/2	4 1/2	3 1/2	2 1/2	2	1 1/2	1	1 1/2								
100	30	16 1/2	10 1/2	7 1/2	5 1/2	4 1/2	3 1/2	3	2 1/2	2	1 1/2								
150	80	20 1/2	10 1/2	7 1/2	5 1/2	4 1/2	3 1/2	3	2 1/2	2	1 1/2								
200	44 1/2	22 1/2	13 1/2	9 1/2	6 1/2	4 1/2	3 1/2	3	2 1/2	2	1 1/2								
250	22 1/2	13 1/2	8 1/2	5 1/2	4 1/2	3 1/2	3	2 1/2	2	1 1/2									
300	32 1/2	10 1/2	4 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2								
400	57 1/2	18 1/2	7 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2								
500	30 1/2	20 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2								
600	123 1/2	42 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2								
800	74 1/2	30 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2								
1000	11 1/2	4 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2								
1500	26 1/2	9 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2								
2000	13 1/2	4 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2								
3000	42 1/2	16 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2								
4000	100 1/2	32 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2								
5000	28 1/2	9 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2								
6000	46 1/2	13 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2								
8000	23 1/2	9 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2								
10000	37 1/2	14 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2								
15000	56 1/2	24 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2								
20000	22 1/2	9 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2								
25000	31 1/2	12 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2								
30000	42 1/2	16 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2								
40000	56 1/2	24 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2								
50000	36 1/2	14 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2								
60000	46 1/2	24 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2								
80000	56 1/2	24 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2								
100000	73 1/2	32 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2								

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TABLE 13

PRESSURES AND SQUARES OF PRESSURES.

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GAUGE PRESSURE	ABSOLUTE PRESSURE	SQ. OF ABSOLUTE PRESSURE	GAUGE PRESSURE	ABSOLUTE PRESSURE	SQ. OF ABSOLUTE PRESSURE	GAUGE PRESSURE
0	14.7	216				
2	16.7	279				
4	18.7	350				
6	20.7	428				
8	22.7	515				
10	24.7	610	56	70.7	4998	105
12	26.7	713	58	72.7	5285	110
14	28.7	824	60	74.7	5580	115
16	30.7	942	62	76.7	5883	120
18	32.7	1063	64	78.7	6184	125
20	34.7	1204	66	80.7	6512	130
22	36.7	1347	68	82.7	6939	135
24	38.7	1498	70	84.7	7744	140
26	40.7	1656	72	86.7	7377	145
28	42.7	1823	74	88.7	7868	150
30	44.7	1998	76	90.7	8226	155
32	46.7	2180	78	92.7	8593	160
34	48.7	2372	80	94.7	8966	165
36	50.7	2570	82	96.7	9351	170
38	52.7	2777	84	98.7	9742	175
40	54.7	2992	86	100.7	10140	180
42	56.7	3215	88	102.7	10547	185
44	58.7	3446	90	104.7	10902	190
46	60.7	3684	92	106.7	11385	195
48	62.7	3931	94	108.7	11810	200
50	64.7	4186	96	110.7	12354	210
52	66.7	4443	98	112.7	12801	220
54	68.7	4720	100	114.7	13356	230

that while one cubic foot of the altitude gas requires less power, the increased volume necessary to produce a common result makes it require 25 per cent. more power.

It will also be noted that the final temperature is quite high in comparison to sea level compression, which speaks loudly for two stage compression.

FLOW OF GAS IN PIPES.

After reading the report of the committee on "The Flow of Gas in Pipes," for the Ohio Gas Light Association, as published in the *American Gas Light Journal*, April 24, 1905, the general impression would be that the formulæ were not sufficiently reliable to be of great service, because there was a variation in the results of a given problem of from 1 to 200 per cent. It would seem, however, that six formulæ out of the nine do not vary 15 per cent., and the three most frequently used do not vary $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.

If we should accept the largest of these three, called the Pittsburg formula, we would probably not be far wrong, and particularly as the results do not differ greatly from those obtained by using Cox' computer, and I am informed by those who have used the computer that it is perfectly safe.

Again, the variation in the areas of those pipe sizes most likely to be used are much more considerable than the variations of any of the six formulæ above referred to. Thus, taking the commercial sizes of pipe from 1" to 6", the average variation between the areas of each size is 35 per cent.

If we therefore make a practice of using the pipe that is the nearest size larger than our calculations, we shall have an ample safety factor.

For air we have been using a formula developed by Mr. J. E. Johnson, Jr., and published in the *American Machinist* July 27, 1899. (Table 17, No. 2)

$$P'^2 - P''^2 = \frac{.0006 Q^2 L}{d^5}$$

P' = absolute initial pressure

P'' = absolute final pressure.

Q = free air equivalent in cubic feet per minute.

L = length of pipe in feet.

d = diameter on pipe in inches.

Practical results from this formula show that it is a little too liberal, and that $P'^2 - P''^2 = \frac{.00005 Q^2 L}{d^5}$ would be nearer the results.

The Pittsburg gas formula reduces to the same value when the proper substitutes are made for the relative specific gravities of gas and air.

Inasmuch as the specific gravity of gas is always referred to air as 1, it seems right that our gas formula should refer to air and a coefficient used for each gas.

The velocity of different gases through a pipe vary inversely as the square root of their densities, or what amounts to the same thing, their specific gravities or weights compared to air, then the velocities will vary as

$$\sqrt{\frac{G}{I}} \text{ or } \sqrt{G}$$

Where G is the specific gravity of the gas.

Prefixing this to our original equation, we have in general, for any gas,

$$P'^2 - P''^2 = .0005 \sqrt{G} \times \frac{Q^2 L}{d^5}$$

Or

$$Q = \sqrt{\frac{44.66}{G}} \sqrt{\frac{P'^2 - P''^2 \times d^5}{L}}$$

Inasmuch as certainly for some considerable time crude oil gas will be most extensively used by members of this Association, let us substitute in the above formula the value of the largest probable specific gravity, viz., .49, and we have $\sqrt{.49} = .7$ and

$$P'^2 - P''^2 \approx .00035 \frac{Q^2 L}{d^5} \quad (A)$$

Or

$$Q = \sqrt{\frac{54.4}{63.8}} \sqrt{\frac{P'^2 - P''^2 \times d^5}{L}}$$

Q is in cubic feet per minute rather than per hour, because all compressors are so rated.

Table 12 gives values of $P'^2 - P''^2$ for 100 feet for various sized pipes and quantities will be found convenient for figuring gas flows in pipes. The values are calculated from equation (A).

Example I—

1000 cubic feet per minute of gas at 90 pounds gauge pressure is discharging into a 4" pipe 26,000 feet long. Required the terminal pressure.

$$P'^2 = 10962 \text{. (Table 13)}$$

$$P'^2 - P''^2 = 35.04 \text{ for 100 feet. (Table 12)}$$

Multiplying by 260 for 26,000 feet

$$P'^2 - P''^2 = 9110.$$

$$P''^2 = P'^2 - (P'^2 - P''^2) = 10962 - 9110 = 1852.$$

$$P''^2 = 1852. \quad P'' = 28 \text{ pounds.}$$

Example II—

A pipe line 3" diameter and 11,000 feet long. Required to find the quantity of gas that will be delivered at a terminal pressure of $\frac{1}{2}$ pound, the initial pressure being 40 pounds.

$$P'^2 = 2992 \text{ (Table 13)}$$

$$P''^2 = 279 \text{ (Table 13)}$$

$$P'^2 - P''^2 = 2713 \text{ for 11,000 feet of pipe or 24.6 for 100 feet.}$$

Referring to Table 12, we find value of 23.70 for 420 cubic feet per minute

Example III—

A pipe line is 11,000 feet long and 4" diameter. The equivalent of 1000 cubic feet is wanted at the end of the line at 10 pounds pressure. What must be the initial pressure?

$P'^2 - P''^2 = 35.04$ for 100 feet (Table 12). Multiplying by 110 we have

$$P'^2 - P''^2 = 3854 \text{ for 11,000 feet.}$$

$$P''^2 = 610 \text{ (Table 13)}$$

$$P'^2 = P''^2 + (P'^2 - P''^2) = 3854 \times 610 = 4464.$$

$$P' = \sqrt{4464}.$$

Referring to Table 13 we find 52 pounds gauge pressure to be the initial pressure.

Example IV—

The equivalent of 200 cubic feet per minute is to be put through a pipe 53,000 feet long. The initial pres-

sure is 20 pounds. The final pressure must be 6 pounds. What will be the size of the pipe?

$$P''_2 = 1204 \text{ (Table 13)}$$

$$P''_1 = 428 \text{ (Table 13)}$$

$P''_2 - P''_1 = 776$ for 53,000 feet of pipe or 1.464 per 100 feet. Referring to Table 12, we find 4" to be the proper size.

SOME CORROBORATIONS.

Table 15 gives at Figure 1 a card from the gas cylinder of a compressor at Fresno, compressing crude oil gas at a pressure of 27 pounds gauge.

If we draw the line of 27 pounds pressure and take the *M E P* with a planimeter, following the curve *A B* and the straight lines *B C—C D* and *A B*, we shall have the *M E P* of a perfect card following the actual compression line. This *M E P* we find to be 17.4 pounds, using the *y* which we found for Fresno gas, the adiabatic *M E P* for 27 pounds = 17.58, making a good check on our values.

Figures 2 and 3 are from a compressor pumping natural gas at Anderson, Indiana, each having an intake pressure of 11 pounds—drawing lines of 50 pounds pressure at Figure 2 and 60 pounds at Figure 3, and taking the *M E P* in the same way that we did in Figure 1, we find that the *M E P* for Figure 2 is 26 pounds, and for Figure 3, 30 pounds.

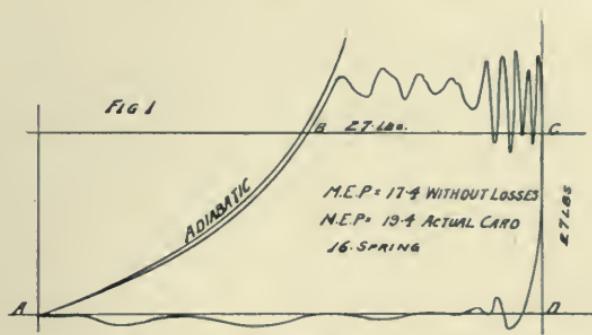
Using the value of *y* which we developed for natural gas and calculating the adiabatic *M E P*, we find they are 26.30 and 30.85 pounds, respectively, a very satisfactory check, and from these we may fairly conclude that our theories and formulae are reasonable.

It will be noted that the line of the compressor curve is very near the adiabatic, even though the compressors were making but 60 to 70 revolutions per minute. An air card would show at least double the separating space.

This would appear to show that the jackets were doing but very little good, and possibly because illuminating gas may be a much poorer conductor of heat than air.

The line of compression comes so near the adiabatic that we may well call the compression adiabatic for

TABLE 14 INDICATOR CARDS FROM GAS COMPRESSORS. JULY 1905

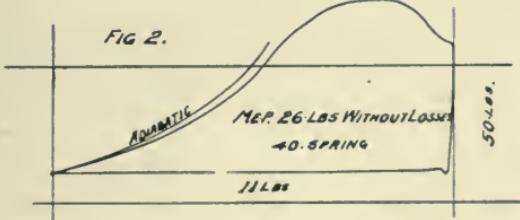


$$M.E.P. = \frac{Y}{Y-1} P_0 \left(\frac{T}{T_0} - 1 \right)$$

$$= 3.95 \times 14.7 \times 3.028 = 17.58 \text{ ADIASTATIC}$$

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FIG 2.

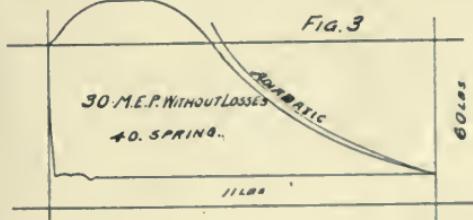


$$M.E.P. = \frac{Y}{Y-1} P_0 \left(\frac{T}{T_0} - 1 \right)$$

$$= 4.76 \times 25.7 \times 2.19 = 26.30 \text{ ADIASTATIC}$$

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FIG. 3



$$M.E.P. = \frac{Y}{Y-1} P_0 \left(\frac{T}{T_0} - 1 \right)$$

$$= 4.67 \times 25.7 \times 2.57 = 30.85 \text{ ADIASTATIC}$$

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safety in our calculations—but while the *M E P* adiabatic for any pressure represents the greatest possible power required to compress a gas, a still greater power must be applied—for example look at the Fresno card, Figure 1, Table 14—the area above the 27 pounds line represents work done in overcoming the inertia of the outlet valves in pushing the gas into the main, and this area will be greater or less depending upon the valve area and the size of the discharge openings and the piston speed. It will also be noted that there is an area representing suction work below the line *A D*, notwithstanding that the gas has a 4" water pressure at holder. This probably indicates that the pipes from the holder to the compressor are too small.

Now, if we run a planimeter over the actual area of the card, we find that the real *M E P* is 19.4, or about 10 per cent. greater than the adiabatic, and this agrees quite well with ordinary air practice, where a safe rule for single stage work is to take the *M E P* at 10 per cent. above the adiabatic and the two stage *M E P* the same as the adiabatic. Slow speed, well constructed compressors will do somewhat better, but it is well to calculate on the average type.

Now, for brake power to be delivered to a gas compressor, we have to allow a mechanical efficiency of the compressor at not to exceed 85 per cent., so that this 15 per cent. loss combined with the 10 per cent. loss in the cylinder points to the fact that we should add 26½ per cent. to the adiabatic *H P* for the brake power required.

The steam engine cards on the Fresno compressor show an *M E P* reduced to the size of the air cylinder of 20.75 pounds, or 20 per cent. higher than the adiabatic air *M E P*, but this compressor had a Meyer cut-off, which helped its economy considerable.

Referring to Table 9, column 17, gives the formula for computing the power to compress one cubic foot of the gas at sea level and 60° Fah. If the calculation be made it will be noted that it takes practically the same power to compress one cubic foot of any of these gases, consequently Table 19 may be used generally.

TABLE 19 GAUGE PRESSURES, PRESSURE RATIOS, FINAL TEMPERATURES, VOLUME RATIOS, MEAN EFFECTIVE PRESSURE AND BRAKE HORSE POWERS FOR ILLUMINATING GAS AT SEA LEVEL AND 60° FAH. JULY 1905
— SINGLE STAGE. —

GAUGE PRESSURE	$\frac{P}{P_0}$	$\frac{T-1}{T_0}$	FINAL TEMPERATURE T.	ADIABATIC M.E.P. T.	PRACTICAL M.E.P. AT COMMERCIAL PISTON SPEEDS	BRAKE. H.P. TO COMPRESS 100 CU.FT. AT SEA LEVEL & 60° FAH	V V.
3.00	1.2	.0466	84°	2.74	3.014	1.514	.8063
5.90	1.4	.0818	106°	5.16	5.676	2.85	.7763
8.9	1.6	.1247	125°	7.33	8.063	4.05	.7030
11.8	1.8	.1583	142°	9.30	10.23	5.14	.6436
14.7	2.	.1892	158°	11.17	12.22	6.15	.5948
17.7	2.2	.2179	173°	12.81	14.09	7.08	.5538
20.8	2.4	.2447	187°	14.38	15.82	7.95	.5186
23.6	2.6	.2698	200°	15.86	17.45	8.76	.4405
26.5	2.8	.2966	214°	17.46	19.31	9.63	.4621
29.4	3.	.3161	224°	18.58	20.44	10.27	.4383
32.4	3.2	.3375	238°	19.84	21.82	10.96	.4181
35.3	3.4	.3579	246°	21.04	23.15	11.63	.3995
38.3	3.6	.3774	256°	22.20	24.42	12.26	.3827
41.2	3.8	.3962	266°	23.29	25.62	12.87	.3675
44.1	4.	.4142	275°	24.35	26.79	13.46	.3536
47.1	4.2	.4315	284°	25.37	27.91	14.00	.3410
50.	4.4	.4483	293°	26.25	28.87	14.56	.3293
53.	4.6	.4645	301°	27.31	30.04	15.10	.3185
55.9	4.8	.4802	310	28.22	31.04	15.60	.3080
58.8	5.	.4954	317	29.12	32.03	16.10	.2992
73.5	6.	.5651	354	33.22	36.54	19.36	.2609
88.2	7.	.6266	386	36.80	40.40	20.36	.2225
102.9	8.	.6818	424	40.04	44.04	22.15	.2103
117.6	9.	.7321	441	43.14	47.45	23.80	.1926
132.3	10.	.7783	446	45.85	50.43	25.28	.1779

PRACTICAL M.E.P. = ADIABATIC M.E.P. + 10%

BRAKE HORSE POWER PER 100 CUFT = + 26.5 %

FORMULA HP = $32.5 \left(\frac{T}{T_0} - 1 \right)$ FOR STANDARD GAS AT SEA LEVEL AND 60° FAH

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In conclusion your attention is called to Table 19, which contains in convenient form the results which we have obtained, and which it is hoped you will find very helpful in considering thermodynamic questions regarding the standard illuminating gas made from crude oil.

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